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Vote For the High School Building Bonds Next Monday

Next Monday, April 12, the citizens of Carthage will vote on the proposition of issuing \$15,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of erecting a modern high school building. This is one of the most important elections ever held in the history of Carthage as it will determine whether the town is in the march of educational progress or whether it is retrograding in this respect. The town is more than able to afford the proposed building and an investigation of the books will show that the interest on the bonds can be paid without raising the tax rate one penny. The present building is inadequate for the work now being done by the school and the opportunities of the children should not be retarded for the lack of facilities. Don't let prejudice or anything else keep you from voting for the proposition.

THE FORMAL CLOSING OF SCHOOL AT GORDONSVILLE

To the Courier:
Gordonsville, Tenn., April 6, 1915.

We beg leave to announce the formal closing of school at Gordonsville, which occurs April 18, 19, 20, and 21, beginning with a sermon at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on Sunday the 18, by Dr. J. Marvin Outbreth of Nashville, and closing with an address at the auditorium Wednesday evening the 21, by Prof. W. R. Webb.

Two other programs will be given: "Silas, the Chere Boy," by the High School students, and "On Plymouth Rock," by Miss Grissom's music pupils, on Monday and Tuesday evenings respectively.

It may seem a little unusual to have the formal closing at this time, as we shall continue the work of the High School until May 21st, but we find it inexpedient to continue the Elementary department longer and we are giving the programs in conformity with the closing of this department of the school.

It is well known to many of our patrons that there was a considerable debt against the twenty-ninth school district at the beginning of the school year 1914-15, a good portion of which we have been able to pay this year by withdrawing the county support from the elementary department at the end of the first four months, and asking the people to make liberal donations to the funds that the school might be thus continued, to which proposition the patrons have responded readily, the town of Gordonsville making a liberal contribution also. In view of the fact, however, that so much money has been raised by subscription for the various expenses of the school, the Domestic Science fixtures, laboratory equipments, and the running expenses of the school, more than \$1800.00 in all, the Board thinks best that the elementary department be discontinued at the end of the eighth month this year, but that next year an extra effort will be made to pay off all the balance of the indebtedness and also sufficient means to run the entire school nine months, making the elementary and high school close at the same time.

During the last month of the high school this year, which begins Monday April 26th, we will give daily recitations in the reading circle books required for teachers. We do this for the benefit of the teachers now in our school together with others who are to enter for a month's review. It is our purpose to help the elementary schools of the county all we can, and in no better way can we do this than by helping their teachers to better qualify themselves for the work of teaching. This is one of the missions of the high schools of the county, and we are sure the Principals of the other high schools of Smith County are ready to do their part of the teacher training work, if the young teachers will enter the schools.

Respectfully,
JOHN J. HENDRICKSON

Don't fail to buy your tennis slippers from E. E. Turner.

Smith County Court Votes to Retain the Three High Schools---Tax Rate is Reduced to \$1.26

The spring session of the Smith County Court convened at the court house here last Monday morning with a good attendance of the Magistrates, only four being absent. The quarterly term was a very interesting one and a good deal of business transacted. The tax levy was reduced 10c, the rate now being \$1.26 instead of \$1.41.

The morning session of the court was taken up in disposing of the usual routine of business, but one of the most important things acted upon during the forenoon was formulating a plan whereby the county prisoners will be put to work on the county roads. Heretofore prisoners have not been forced to work out their fines but have been permitted to pay the time-out in jail at 25c a day. It is thought that the working system will not only decrease the expense of earning for the prisoners but that it will have a moral effect on the evildoers when it becomes known that the county jail is no heaven of rest. A chain gang will soon be formed and the prisoners forced to do their time on the public roads.

After some discussion an appropriation was made allowing John B. Gann \$634.54, this being the amount expended by Mr.

Gann in the sheriff lawsuit, which was decided by the supreme court in favor of Sheriff Malone a short time ago. Another appropriation of \$500 was made for the benefit of the county asylum. The amount of \$1200 was authorized to be paid for repairs to be made on the county jail. It is found that the bastille is not sufficiently strong to hold prisoners and the proposed improvements are very much needed.

At the noon hour the magistrates were invited to a most palatable dinner, which had been prepared by the domestic science class of the Carthage High School. After the dinner had been served the attention of the magistrature was then directed to the splendid display of articles made by the domestic science and art pupils of the Gordonsville High School. Upon reconvening the afternoon session a well-worded resolution thanking the pupils for the splendid dinner was presented by Esq. G. W. Allen and adopted by the court.

Most of the afternoon was taken up in fixing the tax levy for the ensuing year. The rate for 1915 was finally placed at \$1.26, divided as follows: state, 35c; county, 25c; school, 40c;

road, 16c; High school, 10c. The High school levy brought forth much argument and before the ballot was taken much oratory was indulged in, speeches being made for and against the levy. The roll call was asked for on the high school levy, and the following is the vote, in which the schools won by ten votes:

Ayes—Chapman, Webb, Petty, West, Key, Highers, Apple, Wyatt, Harvill, Conditt, Oliver, Williams, Hodges, Garrett, L. H. Gwaltney, Sullivan, McDonald, Ford, Cardwell, Petross, Meachum, McClellan, Meador, Bradley, Lynch and Agnew. Total 26.

Nays—Robinson, Martin, Allen, Knight, Grigg, Goad, H. C. Lancaster, Evans, Thos. Lancaster, Snoddy, Wilson, Baird, Bell, Harlan, Shoemaker and Bridgewater. Total 16.

A. E. Oakley, O. S. Key, and S. B. Lee were elected to succeed B. T. Litchford, Isham Beasley and Tom Russell as members of the board of equalization. W. A. Davis and A. R. Carter hold over. J. D. Rollins, L. P. Grigg and W. F. Cardwell were selected as turnpike commissioners.

The report of chairman Ashley, which was submitted to the court, showed the following balances to be due to the various funds:

County fund,.....	\$15,849.68,
School fund,.....	19,519.42.
High school fund,....	1,830.90.
Institute fund,.....	12.57.
Road fund,.....	4,272.91.

The following amounts were found to be due from the county officers, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1914: J. A. Kemp—county fund, \$525.90; school fund, \$510.37; high school, \$68.08. J. M. Cox—to county fund, fines and taxes, \$350.31, school fund for dog collars sold in 1914, \$50.; county fund, for collections from work house commission, \$954. J. H. Gardenhire—to county fund, tax on litigation, \$33.13. From Justices' report, \$108.

In his report Mr. Ashley insisted that the tax levy for this year be made the same as last year, explaining that to do so would save the expense of borrowing money to meet the demands which are made on the county. The tax levy committee recommended that the levy be made the same but the court amended the report by fixing the county fund rate at 25c instead of 40c.

A favorable report of the work of the county high schools was read by L. A. Ligon, chairman of the county high school board.

Prof. Ovid Neal was elected county surveyor without opposition.

"THE OLD DEESTRICT SKULE" TO BE GIVEN AT ELMWOOD

"The Old Deestrick Skule" will be given at Elmwood Friday 23. The proceeds will go to the Methodist church. Watch next week's issue of the Courier for cast of characters.

Napier-Nunley

Mr. Will Napier and Miss Ella Nunley were married Sunday at the toll-gate by Esq. W. B. Petty. Mr. Napier is a young farmer living in the 1st district and a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Napier of Savage's bottom. The bride is the young and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nunley of Peyton's Creek. They will reside in Savage's bottom.

Representative Key At Home

Hon. H. T. Key, of Monoville, Smith county's representative in the legislature, was here last Monday and answered to the roll call of the members of the county court.

The legislature adjourned last week for the second recess of the session and Mr. Key will be at home until the first of May when the general assembly will reconvene.

Mr. Key states that the bill to repeal the fish law has passed both branches of the legislature and he is confident that it will be signed by the governor.

Tennis slippers, both black and white, 50c to 75c, at E. E. Turner's.

Food Sale Saturday.

The ladies of the Methodist church will have their usual food sale at the Carthage Drug Co. next Saturday at 12 o'clock. The sale will consist of brown bread, nut bread, cakes, candies, pies, dressed hen and other things for the table.

MRS. ROY SAMPSON MADE NOTARY PUBLIC

Mrs. Roy Sampson was selected as a notary public by the county court last Monday. Mrs. Sampson, who has been employed some time as stenographer by attorney Nelson Fisher, is the first lady to be selected to this position in Smith County, and received the unanimous vote of the court. The bill making ladies eligible to this position in Smith County was passed by the recent session of the legislature. Mrs. Sampson will receive her commission in a short time and will then be ready to take acknowledgements. L. B. Flippen and Allen Powell were also elected as notaries public.

Tennis slippers, tennis slippers, tennis slippers at E. E. Turner's.

New Business to Open.

Carpenters are now busy repairing the old Ben Sanders store building which is soon to be occupied by J. L. West. Mr. West announces that he will carry a full and complete line of groceries, hardware and queensware.

Sam Pickering Sick.

Sam Pickering, the popular insurance agent, is confined to his room on account of a serious operation for appendicitis which was performed last Thursday. Owing to the seriousness of the trouble it is expected that Mr. Pickering will be confined to his room for several weeks and all who desire to see him concerning insurance may call on H. B. Highers, who is looking after Mr. Pickering's insurance matters during his illness.

SPRING TERM OF THE CRIMINAL COURT ADJOURNS

The spring term of the criminal court, which was in session last week and a part of this, has adjourned. As a result of the court there are now 17 prisoners confined in the county jail, the majority of whom are serving sentences for bootlegging. Three of the prisoners, however, were found guilty of felony charges and will probably be taken to the state prison this afternoon by Sheriff Malone. Those to be taken to the penitentiary are Henry Pride, one to five years, for larceny of a pig; John Fuels, three to fifteen years for breaking into Cooksey's store at Rome; Wade Woods, three to fifteen years, for breaking into the store of W. G. Bransford at New Middleton. All the prisoners convicted of felony charges are colored.

The grand jury was discharged last Wednesday after returning about forty true bills.

Baptist Ladies Entertained.

The members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church were entertained by Mrs. W. V. Lee at her home last Friday afternoon with a social tea. There were 14 members present and most of the time was spent in discussing future plans for the Aid.

Joe Baker Announces.

J. P. Baker of Monoville was in Carthage yesterday. Mr. Baker states that his friends are insisting that he make the race for sheriff in the next primary and wishes to announce that he has fully made up his mind to become a candidate.

THE "OLD DEESTRICT SKULE" AT GORDONSVILLE APRIL 16

The "Old Deestrick Skule" will be presented at Gordonsville High School Auditorium Friday evening, April 16, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Carthage Baptist church. The play will be given by the same troupe that presented it at Carthage a short time ago, and, judging from the testimony of those present on that occasion, it is certainly worth seeing. If you want to spend an hour or two of genuine fun and merriment, don't fail to see it.

Young men, those straw hats are now on display—nice quality, nobby styles—come and see them. E. E. Turner.

Gold Bond Clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chambers of Dixon Springs was in Carthage Wednesday. Mr. Chambers is one of the counties' liveliest merchants and is always glad to call the attention of the public to his up-to-date stock of goods. He is now advertising his line of "Gold Bond" clothing which is highly recommended fully guaranteed. Read the guarantee in another column. Mr. Chambers also wishes to state that he has a splendid line of new spring millinery, Ladies' and Men's slippers, etc., at very attractive prices.

For Sale.

I have for sale 17 beautiful jersey heifers, coming yearling; also several nice older heifers and young cows to sell or swap for good young mules. Prices right. Home and Cumberland phones. S. M. YOUNG, Dixon Springs, Tenn.

WIVES OF PHYSICIANS INVITED TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING

The Smith County Medical Society met in regular session in the office of Dr. C. H. Donoho April 2, 1915, with the following members present: C. H. Donoho, R. E. Key, J. J. Beasley, I. H. Beasley, B. J. High, O. D. Robbins, and H. Curtis, with Mrs. H. Curtis as a visitor.

The next meeting will be held in Carthage May 7, 1915. Following is the program for that meeting:-

First paper, Significance of ear pain, Dr. F. M. Blankinship; open discussion, Drs. C. H. Donoho and J. G. Bridges.

Second paper, Acute dysentery in children, Dr. Howard Curtis; open discussion, Drs. R. E. Key and J. S. Campbell.

All physicians of the county and all members of the Smith County Medical Society are especially invited to come and bring their wives as this meeting is for the purpose of all physicians, wives to meet and get acquainted with each other and organize any kind of society that they may agree upon.

Smith County Medical Society.

Congressman Hull Here

Congressman Cordell Hull arrived here from Nashville first of the week and will make his headquarters in Carthage during the spring and summer. Unless there is a called session Congress will not reconvene until December, and Mr. Hull will spend most of the time visiting the various sections of his district.

Just received my fourth shipment of Millinery. Come now and make your selection. E. E. Turner.

Church Announcement.

Rev. Moore announces that he will not fill his appointment at Rewoda church next Sunday afternoon but will be there on the fourth Sunday in this month. Rev. Moore will fill his regular appointment at New Middleton next Sunday morning and at Carthage Sunday night.

C. S. Key Addresses Court

C. S. Key, of Monoville, formerly justice of the peace of his district, addressed the county court last Monday on the tax assessment of the county. Mr. Key with tax Assessor Reeves appeared before the state tax commission in Nashville a few weeks ago in interest of Smith County, his remarks were concerning facts he obtained from that body. Mr. Key said that he had found Smith County to be assessed too high per acreage as compared with other counties and offered some timely suggestions as a remedy.

Sam Grissim Dies in California.

News has been received of the death of Sam Grissim who died at San Francisco March 20, 1915. Mr. Grissim was a brother to J. G. Grissim of Rome and an uncle to W. H. Sayles of Enoch. He was 57 years old, reared at Rome and left Smith county some 35 years ago for the West.